Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

Drama Group Brings Slave History to Life

Morton Grove Public Library brings the Kuntu Drama Players to the Library for a special President's Day performance on **Monday, February 19 at 2 p.m.** Kuntu Drama is a five-member group that uses stories, poetry and songs to engage the audience. This particular performance, titled *The Gourd Full of Wisdom*, illustrates the use of the gourd as a celebration of freedom. In African cultures the gourd is used extensively as a tool or for cooking. In American history, the gourd was a hidden symbol for slaves. The gourd symbolized the Big Dipper in the song, *Follow the Drinking Gourd.* If the slaves "followed the drinking gourd," they could escape to freedom through the underground railroad. Kuntu Drama incorporates the history of Harriet Tubman, the poetry of Eloise Greenfield and Langston Hughes, with traditional spirituals and songs for a truly interactive performance for children and adults alike. Poet and executive director, Quraysh Ali says Kuntu "helps poetry leap from the page to the stage." Don't miss this special celebration of history!

Kuntu Drama Players (from left): Oscar Brown III, Quarash Ali, Emily Hooper, Glenda Baker, Orisegun Olomidun. (Photo by Kamau Kadirifu)

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The Library no longer carries federal or state tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Drive, Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park,
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(847) 581-2160
(800) 829-1040

Illinois Department of Revenue
(Old Maine North High School)
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Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 294-4215
(800) 624-2459

MGPL introduces Fiction_L mailing list, Reader's Service Page

Electronic mailing lists are the newest way for people all over the world to share ideas, problems, and solutions for hundreds of topics without ever leaving their desks. The Morton Grove Public Library and the North Suburban Library System are very excited to announce the debut of Fiction_L, a list dedicated to Reader's Advisory in the public library, and the first of its kind in the country. We plan to discuss such topics as genre study, bibliographies, workshops, and book discussion groups: in short, anything to do with fiction in the library! For information on how to subscribe, contact Roberta S. Johnson at rjohnson@mgk.nslsilus.org or by phone at 965-4220.

In the coming weeks look for a new service for online browsers from the MGPL web site: the Reader's Service Page. The page includes information about Fiction_L, New Book Showcase, Thinking Out Loud, a bestsellers preview, web sites for booklovers, and bibliographies and bookmarks. The address for the MGPL home page is: **http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/**

Calling all artists

Across the nation, libraries celebrate National Library Week each April. For this year's celebration, we would like to display your artwork if it has anything to do with reading, books or libraries.

The display will run for the month of April in the Baxter Room. Call Kate at 965-4220 to have your work included.

MGPL Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

The Library is closed January 1.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

January			
1/1	Mo		Library Closed for New Year's Day
1/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
1/12	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
1/13	Sa	10:30	Choosing a Temp Agency
1/14	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture
1/15	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *A Walk in the Clouds* PG-13 (102 min)
1/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/17	We	7:00	Heart Disease
1/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/23	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group: *Train Go Sorry* by Leah Cohen
1/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
February			
2/6	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/8	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
2/9	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
2/11	Su	2:00	Norway Travelogue
2/12	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *The Postman* (Il Postino) (115 min)
2/13	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/19	Mo	2:00	Kuntu Drama Players
2/20	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/27	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/27	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group: *Sula* by Toni Morrison
2/27	Tu	7:30	Ikebana Demonstration

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Programs

January

New Year/New Start – All of our January programs focus on getting a new start for 1996. You'll find discussions on health issues, job hunting, financial planning and cultural events. Join us for these free programs from your Library.

Looking for a Little Extra Cash: Choosing the Right Temp Agency – A panel of managers from area temporary agencies tell what they look for in candidates. Match your skills with the right agency. **Sat. 1/13 10:30 a.m.**

Lyric Opera Lecture – Northwestern University Professor of French Literature Dr. Tilde Sankovitch discusses the grand opera, *Faust*. **Sun. 1/14 2:00 p.m.**

Why Animals Don't Get Heart Attacks . . . But Humans Do – Lyndell Caldwell, independent representative for Rexall, discusses the unusual heart disease findings of Dr. Matthais Rath. Dr. Rath, author of *Why Animals Don't Get Heart Attacks . . . But Humans Do*, provides an over-the-counter formula for eradicating heart disease. **Wed. 1/17 7:00 p.m.**

Avoid Probate: Why the Living Trust Is Replacing the Will – Scott Goldman, CFP, and Jerry Gutman of Planning Dynamics, Inc. present this seminar on avoiding expensive probate proceedings and minimizing federal estate taxes. **Wed. 1/31 7:00 p.m.**

February

Travel the World with our February programs. A Norway travelogue, a Japanese flower-arranging demonstration and a drama group present African stories this month at the Library.

A Trip to Norway – Myrla Brand takes us off to the High Country and into the fjords to see the sights and food of Norway. Visit Oslo and Lillehammer, and don't forget the trolls and Viking boats. **Sun. 2/11 2:00 p.m.**

Kuntu Drama Players – A drama group presents *The Gourd Full of Wisdom*, , a combination of poetry, music and storytelling. See page 1 for more details. **Mon. 2/19 2:00 p.m.**

Ikebana Demonstration – Together with the Morton Grove Garden Club, the Library hosts Therese Glaszer for a demonstration of Japanese flower arranging. Ms. Glaszer has studied Ikebana for 20 years and stresses how easy it is to have fresh flower arrangements all the time using inexpensive bouquets. You may even go home with one of her beautiful arrangements. **Tues. 2/27 7:30 p.m.**

Films

January

A Walk in the Clouds PG – 13 (102 min) Paul (Keanu Reeves), just mustered out of the Army after WWII, meets Victoria (Aitana Sanchez-Gijon) on a cross-country journey. Victoria, pregnant but unmarried, is headed home to her family vineyard and her father's wrath. Paul agrees to pose as her husband, then sneak away, but the two fall in love.
Mon. 1/15, 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

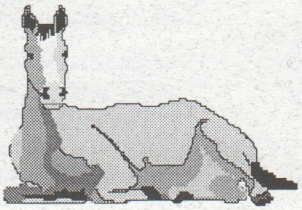
February

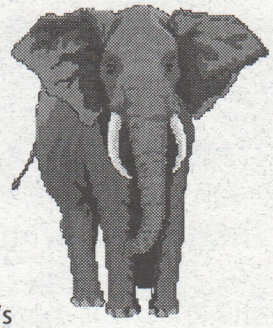
The Postman (Il Postino) PG (115 min) Philippe Noiret portrays the famous Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, exiled on a Mediterranean island for political reasons. Mario (Massimo Troisi) becomes Neruda's personal postman in hopes that he could learn something from the poet, known as a ladies' man. **Note: This film is in Italian with English subtitles. Mon. 2/12 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Kids Programs

Children's Classes

Winter session begins January 8. Some classes still have openings. Please call or visit the Children's Room for more details.





Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

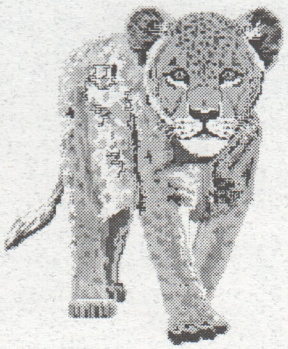
Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Join the Pet Parade!

Children of all ages are welcome to join January's author-of-the-month program in reading fiction books about animals – real or imaginary. On **Saturday, January 27 at 10 a.m.** bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Children's Room for a pet parade.

During February, read books by African-American authors in honor of Black History Month. Then, for a special President's Day treat, come to the Kuntu Drama Players performance on **Monday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.** See story, page 1 for more details.



Author-of-the-Month

January: Zoo Parade

February: African-American authors

March: Dr. Seuss

April: Beverly Cleary

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.**, the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1 1/2 hours of videos. Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for a friendly and interesting mealtime.

New Book Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the Library by attending the monthly New Book Showcase previewing the Library's latest acquisitions. **Fri. 1/12 and 2/9 at 10:00 a.m.**

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Tues. Jan. 23** to discuss ***Train Go Sorry : Inside a Deaf World*** by Leah Hager Cohen.

February's title, on the **27th**, is ***Sula*** by Toni Morrison. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.**

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Reference Round-up

Hardly a day goes by without a reference question that requires the use of our medical reference materials. Questions run from the spelling of a disease name to the contraindications of a prescription drug. Some of our most frequently used resources are:

Physician's Desk Reference. Although written for the medical professional, this is an excellent resource for detailed information about dosage, usage, precautions, and adverse reactions. ***Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs*** is not as detailed as the PDR, but is written for the layperson and contains similar information.

Complete Guide to Symptoms, Illness & Surgery. Complete Guide to Symptoms, Illness & Surgery for People Over 50. These two books follow the same format: a list of symptoms and possible problems; a one-page description of an illness; and a double-page description and line drawing of a surgical procedure.

The Official ABMS Directory of Board Certified Medical Specialists. This directory provides professional and biographical information about a physician certified in a particular medical specialty or subspecialty.

One of our favorite resources is ***Health Index ASAP.*** This database is available through our public access computer, the same computer used for finding books. Use this database to find articles on: fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health & safety, alcohol and drug abuse, HMOs, prescription drugs, and much more.

So, the next time you're looking for information to supplement what your doctor or health provider has told you, check out the medical reference section at the Library.

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